

Pekin Robins and Small Softbills



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Designed as an instructional text to provide information and techniques for managing and breeding pekin robins and other small softbill birds *ex situ*, this volume is the most comprehensive and current handbook on its topic. It provides the reader with much more than simple procedures and lists. Topics covered include in-depth explanations on housing, acquisition, hand-rearing, feeding, food cultivation, health care, and an extensive list of small softbill species. Aviculturists, both novice and experienced, will find value in this exceptional work.

Author Peter Karsten has provided personal case histories of his experiences in breeding pekin robins, along with his own detailed drawings and photograph records to complement written descriptions. Peter's beautifully crafted watercolors make this book a work of art as well as an invaluable tool.

About the Author

Peter Karsten was born in Germany and, following the completion of his formal education in Germany and Sweden, immigrated to Canada in 1962. After a thirty-year career with the Calgary Zoo, for twenty years of which he held the position of Zoo Director and Executive Director, Peter retired in 1994 to the Gulf Islands of British Columbia, and concentrates on his interests in aviculture, painting, and sculpting. He continues to work as a zoo consultant, with the development of habitat exhibits as his special area of interest.



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